

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently amended)** An accelerator pedal module (1) for controlling the power of a driving engine, in particular an internal combustion engine of a vehicle, comprising,

a bearing block (4),

a pedal lever (2) held rotatably about a pivot axis (20) by means of a pivot connection on the bearing block (4)

bearing block first stop means (30) on the bearing block,

pedal lever second stop means (58) on the pedal lever in position to engage the bearing block stop means (30), wherein said pivot connection is established by relative rotation about said pivot axis between the pedal lever (2) and the bearing block (4) at a point during said relative rotation when the pedal lever stop means slides past said bearing block stop means from a position in front of said bearing block stop means to a position behind said bearing block stop means, and

elastically deformable means for elastically deforming in a region of at least one of said bearing block stop means or said pedal lever stop means during establishment of said pivot connection thereby allowing said pedal lever stop means to slide past said bearing block stop means during deformation of said elastically deformable means and

~~**after springing back from deformation said pedal lever stop means engages behind said bearing block stop means** strike the associated bearing block stop (30), and elasticities in the region of the pedal lever stop (58) and/or the bearing block stop (30) whereby during a relative rotary motion executed about the pivot axis (20) between the pedal lever (2) and the bearing block (4) to establish the pivot connection, the pedal lever stop (58) slides past the bearing block stop (30) because of elastic deformations and after springing back engages the bearing block stop from behind.~~

2. (Currently amended) The accelerator pedal module according to claim 1, wherein the pedal lever stop **means** (58) and the bearing block stop **means** (30) have a geometry which prevents the pivot connection, once completed, from being undone.

3. (Currently amended) An accelerator pedal module (1) for controlling the power of a driving engine, in particular an internal combustion engine of a vehicle, comprising,
a bearing block (4),
a pedal lever (2) held rotatably about a pivot axis (20) by means of a pivot connection on the bearing block (4)

bearing block stop means (30) on the bearing block,
pedal lever stop means (58) on the pedal lever in position to **engage the bearing block stop means (30), wherein said pivot connection is established by relative rotation about said pivot axis between the pedal lever (2) and the bearing block (4) at a point**

during said relative rotation when the pedal lever stop means slides past said bearing block stop means from a position in front of said bearing block stop means to a position behind said bearing block stop means, and
elastically deformable means for elastically deforming in a region of at least one of said bearing block stop means or said pedal lever stop means during establishment of said pivot connection thereby allowing said pedal lever stop means to slide past said bearing block stop means during deformation of said elastically deformable means and after springing back from deformation said pedal lever stop means engages behind said bearing block stop means,
wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) and the bearing block stop means (30) have a geometry which prevents the pivot connection, once completed, from being undone The accelerator pedal module according to claim 2, wherein at least the bearing block stop means has at least one wedge (30), generally protruding in a the direction of the pivot axis, with a such that an inclined wedge face (32) of said wedge (30) extends from the bearing block to form that opens into a step (34) at an end of the inclined wedge face (32), wherein the wedge face (32) is being operative in the direction of the relative rotary motion provided for establishing the pivot connection, and wherein the step (34) is operative in the opposite direction.

4. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 3, wherein the pedal lever stop means comprises at least one stop edge (58), associated with the step (34) of the wedge (30), which stop edge (58) defines a region (60) which is retracted in the direction of the pivot axis (20) and in which the wedge (30) is guided with play, once establishing the pivot connection is completed.

5. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 4, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) is embodied as one homogeneous piece integrally with the pedal lever (2), and the bearing block stop means (30) is embodied as one homogeneous piece integrally with the bearing block (4).

6. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 5, wherein the bearing block (4) comprises two cheeks (14), disposed parallel and spaced apart from another, between which the pedal lever (2) is guided and which are each provided with a protruding bearing block stop means (30) pointing toward one another.

7. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 6, wherein said elastically deformable means comprise the cheeks (14) of the bearing block (4) having have a lateral elasticity in the region of the bearing block stops means (30).

8. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 7, wherein the elasticity is provided remote from bearing faces (~~18, 22, 50, 54~~; 74, 82, 88, 90) of the pivot connection.

9. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 8, wherein the pedal lever (2) can be braced on the bearing block (4) via the bearing faces (~~18, 22, 50, 54~~; 74, 82, 88, 90) of the pivot connection, before the pedal lever stop means (58) slides past the bearing block stop means (30).

10. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 9, wherein the bearing faces of the pivot connection comprise at least one annular portion (54), which is formed onto the pedal lever (2) and extends over an arc of a circle and which can be introduced into an annular groove (26) that is formed onto the bearing block (4) and likewise extends over an arc of a circle.

11. **(Previously presented)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 9, wherein the bearing faces of the pivot connection comprise a peg (78) which is coaxial with the pivot axis (20) and associated with the bearing block (4), and on which at least one partly cylindrical bearing face (88, 90) of the pedal lever (2) can be placed.

12. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 1, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) and the bearing block stop means (30) together form an idling stop (66).

13. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 2, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) and the bearing block stop means (30) together form an idling stop (66).

14. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 3, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) and the bearing block stop means (30) together form an idling stop (66).

15. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 5, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) and the bearing block stop means (30) together form an idling stop (66).

16. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 1, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) is resiliently prestressed against the bearing block stop means (30) counter to a pedal actuation direction.

17. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 2, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) is resiliently prestressed against the bearing block stop means (30) counter to a pedal actuation direction.

18. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 3, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) is resiliently prestressed against the bearing block stop means (30) counter to a pedal actuation direction.

19. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 5, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) is resiliently prestressed against the bearing block stop means (30) counter to a pedal actuation direction.

20. **(Currently amended)** The accelerator pedal module according to claim 12, wherein the pedal lever stop means (58) is resiliently prestressed against the bearing block stop means (30) counter to a pedal actuation direction.